

## FIVE FAST FACTS FOR FRIDAY

# Protect the Lifeline: Medicaid



- **Proposed Medicaid cuts would have a devastating impact on people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.**
- **If your loved one:** lives in a group home, has the help of a job coach, attends a day program, receives respite services or behavioral supports then MEDICAID MATTERS to YOU.
- **Did you know that special education is hugely reliant on Medicaid and that it helps pay for therapies (such as OT and PT), equipment and specialized transportation?** If your child depends on those types of supports, than MEDICAID MATTERS to YOU.
- **The Senate is set to vote next week on the Graham-Cassidy bill.** Like previous proposals, this healthcare bill would end Medicaid as we know it with a trillion dollar cut over two decades, and allows states to weaken consumer insurance protections such as the ban on pre-existing condition exclusion and the essential health benefit requirement.
- The Arc of the U.S is collecting your stories to submit to the Committee and your Senators. **Take a few moments before 9 AM SUNDAY (9/24/17) EST to tell your Medicaid story HERE: [bit.ly/tellyourmedicaidstory](http://bit.ly/tellyourmedicaidstory)**